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The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 1.17(b)) \$500.00.

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The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) apply.

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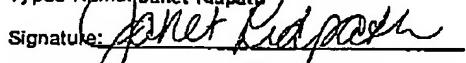
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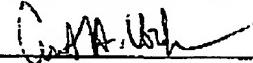
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